

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A removable golf tee cap, comprising:

a base member, comprising:

a hollow substantially central core into which a golf tee may be

inserted;

support holes; and

one or more notches extending from a top of the base towards a  
bottom of the base member; and

three or four bristle packets attached to the base member via the  
support holes and extending upwards;

wherein there are a same number of support holes as number of bristle packets.

Claim 2 (original): The removable golf tee bristle according to claim 1, wherein a  
cross-section of the central core is circular.

Claim 3 (original): The removable golf tee bristle according to claim 1, wherein the  
base member further comprises one or more nodes on the base member.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The removable golf tee bristle according to claim 3,  
wherein the support holes are located on the one or more nodes.

Claim 5 (original): The removable golf tee bristle according to claim 1, wherein the  
cap comprises three bristle packets.

Claim 6 (original): The removable golf tee bristle according to claim 1, wherein each  
bristle packet extends upward at an angle of about 70 degrees to about 100 degrees relative to  
a horizon.

Claim 7 (original): The removable golf tee bristle cap according to claim 1, wherein the base member is comprised entirely or in part of at least one of plastic, plastic-like material or plastic composite

Claim 8 (previously presented): The removable golf tee bristle cap according to claim 1, further comprising a retaining lip around the base member top at the hollow substantially central core.

Claim 9 (original): The removable golf tee bristle cap according to claim 1, a length of the bristles comprising the bristle packets is about 5/16 to about 1 1/2 of an inch above the top of the base member.

Claim 10 (original): The removable golf tee bristle cap according to claim 1, wherein the one or more notches is 1 mm wide.

Claim 11 (original): The removable golf tee bristle cap according to claim 1, wherein the notch extends about 50 percent to about 95 percent of a distance between the base member top and the base member bottom.

Claim 12 (original): The removable golf tee bristle cap according to claim 1, wherein the bristle packets are attached to the base member via an adhesive.

Claim 13 (original): The removable golf tee bristle cap according to claim 1, wherein a distance between a spike of a golf tee inserted and attached to the golf tee bristle cap and a top of the bristle packets is four inches or less.

Claim 14 (cancelled).

Claim 15 (cancelled).

Claim 16 (previously presented): The removable golf tee bristle cap according to claim 1, further comprising a retaining lip around the base member top at the hollow substantially central core.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A method of hitting a golf ball from a tee, comprising:

- inserting a golf tee through a hollow substantially central core of a removable golf tee bristle cap comprising:
  - a base member, comprising:
    - the hollow substantially central core;
    - support holes; and
    - one or more notches extending from a base member top towards a base member bottom; and
  - three or four bristle packets attached to the base member via the support holes and extending upwards such that there is a same number of support holes as number of bristle packets;
  - penetrating ground with a spike of the golf tee attached to the removable golf tee bristle cap such that the bristle packets extend upwards away from the ground;
  - placing a golf ball on the bristle packets; and
  - hitting the golf ball off the bristle packets with a golf club.

Claim 18 (original): The method according to claim 17, wherein the placing the golf ball on the bristle packets is before penetrating the ground.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method according to claim 17, wherein the base member is supported by the golf tee by a retaining lip around the base member top at the hollow substantially central core.